



MacBook Air 11" Mid 2011 Solid-State Drive Replacement

Replace the solid state hard drive on your Mid 2011 MacBook Air 11".

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace a burned-out solid state hard drive.



TOOLS:

- [P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Macbook Air 11" and 13" \(Late 2010/Mid 2011\) SSD](#) (1)
64 GB
- [Macbook Air 11" and 13" \(Late 2010/Mid 2011\) SSD](#) (1)
128 GB
- [Macbook Air 11" and 13" \(Late 2010/Mid 2011\) SSD](#) (1)
256 GB

Step 1 — Lower Case



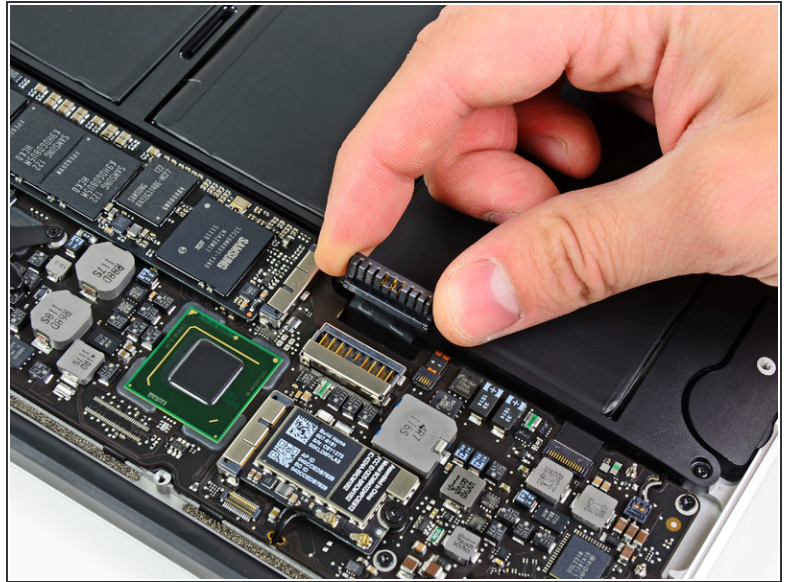
- ✦ Before proceeding, close your computer and lay it on a soft surface top-side down.
- Remove the following ten screws:
 - Two 8 mm 5-point Pentalobe screws
 - Eight 2.5 mm 5-point Pentalobe screws
- ⓘ The special screwdriver needed to remove the eight 5-point Pentalobe screws can be found [here](#).


Step 2



- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case off the Air.
- Remove the lower case and set it aside.

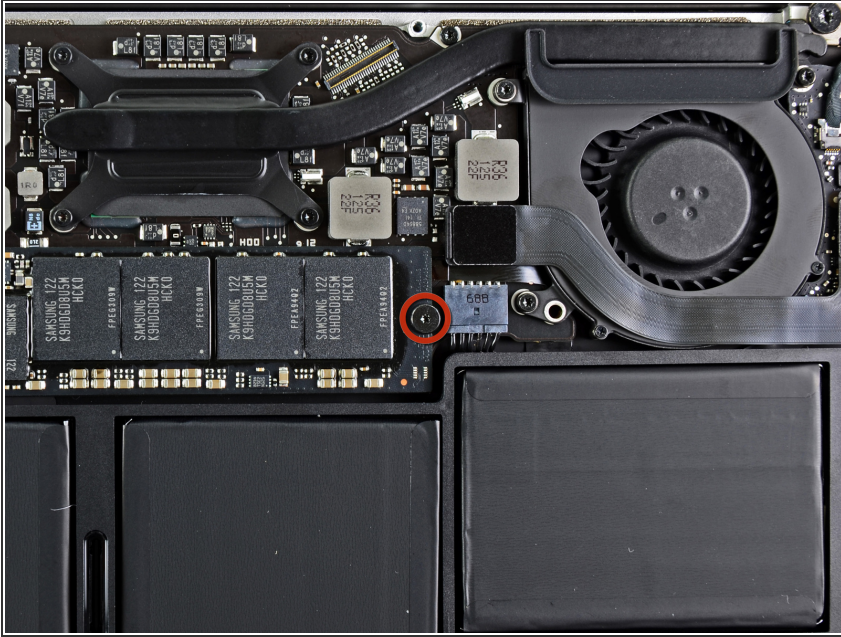
Step 3 — Battery



 In this step you will disconnect the battery to help avoid shorting out any components during service.

- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry both short sides of the battery connector upward to disconnect it from its socket on the logic board.
- Bend the battery cable slightly away from the logic board so the connector will not accidentally contact its socket.

Step 4 — Solid-State Drive



- Remove the single 2.9 mm T5 Torx screw securing the SSD to the logic board.

Step 5



- Use a spudger to help lift the free end of the SSD just enough to grab it with your other hand.

⚠ Do not lift the end of the SSD excessively.

- Pull the drive straight out of its socket and remove it from the logic board.

☑ When reinstalling the SSD, be sure it is properly seated before reinstalling its retaining screw.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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